to allow large conglomerates to own more stations and sources of information, is monopolistic and contrary to the intent of freedom to information. as the center of the "free world", americans can and will not tolerate an attempt to limit our access to varied polical, economic, religious SOURCES of information that arise from rural, local media owned by individuals, not by the Gannett, Kidder, et al, media magnates.

the proposal to allow fewer owners of our local small media groups is wrong spirited. PROTECTION to small, varied media sources that offer diverse opinions is implied in the first amendment to the constitution, in spite of our preferences and success as a free market economy.

without freedom of speech and access to many media sources, we cannot call ourselves a democracy.